

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 13, 2011
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 818
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BILL SUMMARY: Food Labeling: Olive Oil

This bill would conform definitions for olive oil, grades of olive oil, and olive pomace oil to federal standards. This bill also would prohibit olive-pomace oil from being labeled as olive oil. Finally, this bill would require virgin olive oil not fit for human consumption to be refined before consumption.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Neither the Department of Public Health (DPH) nor the Department of Food and Agriculture estimate any additional costs would occur as a result of this bill. Oil processors and distributors are required to be registered with the DPH and are already subject to routine inspection.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral with regards to this bill, as it would not result in additional costs to the state.

Current law requires the DPH to enforce laws related to olive oil produced, purchased, sold, or distributed in California, and makes the violation of these provisions a crime. Additionally, current law defines olive oil and olive oil grades and provides a specified order for olive oil grades.

This bill would conform state statutes to federal regulations, based on international standards, which would include objective criteria for the various grades of olive oil and olive-pomace oil and provide definitions for extra virgin olive oil, virgin olive oil, refined olive oil and pomace-olive oil. This bill also would require lampante virgin olive oil and crude olive-pomace oil to be refined before consumption, and prohibit olive-pomace oil from being labeled as olive oil.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
4265/PublicHealth	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0177
8570/Food & Ag	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0001
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0001	General Fund								
0177	Food Safety Fund								

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